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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 31ST UNGA: CONSULTATIONS

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1. POLCOUNS INFORMED INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND TREATIES BUREAU DIRECTOR CHUNG WU-YONG, MARCH 5, THAT JAPANESE CURRENTLY CONSIDERING DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST THAT CORE MEETING BE HELD MID-MARCH. CHUNG NOTED URGENCY FROM KOREAN POINT OF VIEW OF SENDING OUT MESSAGE TO CORE MEMBERS ABOUT POSTPONEMENT AND SAID MOFA WISHED PROVIDE NEW DATES AT SAME TIME. CHUNG SAID MOFA WOULD HAVE TO SEND MESSAGES TO CORE MEMBER CAPITALS WITH NEW PROPOSED DATES BY MARCH 6 AT LATEST.

2. TURNING TO SUBJECT OF DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSED APPROACH TO NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES OUTLINED REF B, CHUNG SAID ROKG HAD NO OBJECTION TO IT. HE DID REQUEST THAT PHRASE, "TO ENCOURAGE...EQUAL STATUS IN UN" CONTAINED PARA 6, REF B, BE DROPPED FROM OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH NON-ALIGNED. ROKG WAS SENSITIVE ON QUESTION EQUALITY WITH DPRK, DID NOT CONSIDER ITSELF "EQUAL" TO NORTH KOREA, AND IN FACT HAD HAD PREFERRED STATUS IN THE UN IN THE PAST.

3. CHUNG THEN WENT ON TO REQUEST OUR REACTION TO TWO ADDITIONAL "PROPAGANDA MEASURES" WHICH CHUNG SAID WERE BEING CONSIDERED AT WORKING LEVEL IN MOFA. FIRST ROKG WAS CONSIDERING PUBLIC ELABOR-

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ATION OF ITS EXISTING NON-AGGRESSION PACT PROPOSAL. ASKED WHAT HE

MEANT BY "ELABORATION", CHUNG WAS VERY GENERAL, SAYING ONLY THAT MOFA WAS CONSIDERING ENUNCIATING SPECIFIC TERMS OF A PACT SIMILAR TO THOSE GENERALLY IN PRACTICE AROUND THE WORLD. CHUNG'S SECOND SUGGESTION WAS FOR A PUBLIC ELABORATION OF US PROPOSAL FOR MEETING OF PARTIES CONCERNED IN THE ARMISTICE IN WHICH ROKG WOULD SPECIFICALLY SUGGEST PLACE AND DATE FOR SUCH A MEETING.

4. WITH REGARD BOTH ABOVE PROPOSALS CHUNG SAID THEY WERE JUST IDEAS AT THIS POINT, AND THAT MOFA WOULD LIKE TO HAVE WASHINGTON REACTION BEFORE ACTUALLY DRAFTING STATEMENTS WHICH THEY WOULD OF COURSE CLEAR WITH US BEFORE MAKING. ADVANTAGES MOFA SEES IN THESE STATEMENTS ARE THAT THEY WOULD BEEF UP DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE BY LETTING INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY KNOW WE REALLY MEAN BUSINESS AND WOULD SHOW THAT WE ARE READY TO IMPLEMENT FRIENDLY RESOLUTION PASSED BY 30TH UNGA. CHUNG SAW NO NEED FOR ADVANCE DISCUSSION THESE STATEMENTS WITH OTHER CORE MEMBERS, MAKING POINT THAT THEY HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH TACTICAL APPROACH TO 31ST UNGA, HE SAID TWO PROPOSALS, WHICH WOULD NOT BE MADE UNTIL SOME TIME AFTER CORE MEETING, WOULD BE AIMED AT NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE AS WELL AS UNGA.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION REGARDING NEW PROPOSED CORE MEETING DATES AGREED UPON. ALSO REQUEST REACTION TO MOFAS PROPOSED STATEMENTS.

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